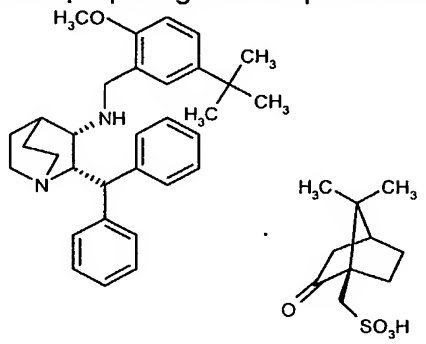
CLAIMS

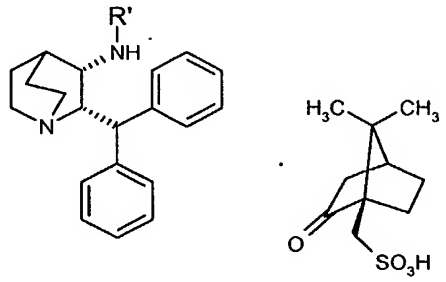
1. A process for preparing the compound of Formula **Ib**,



Ib

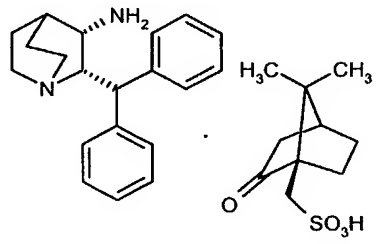
comprising:

(c) deprotecting a compound of Formula **VIa**,



VIa

wherein R' is a protecting group, to provide a compound of Formula **VII**;



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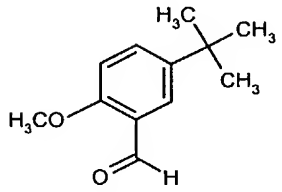
(d) reacting the compound of formula **VII** so formed with a compound of formula **VIII**,



VIII

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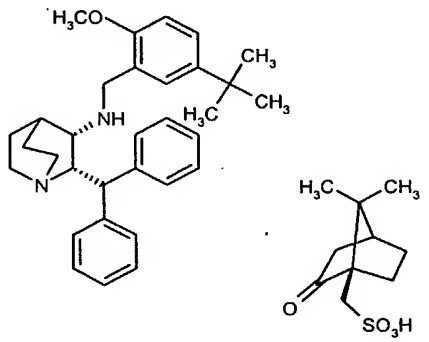
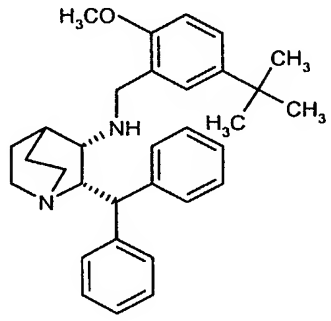
and performing a reductive amination to provide a compound of Formula **Ib**,



Ib

2. The process according to Claim 1 further comprising removing the camphorsulfonate salt of the compound of Formula **Ib** to provide a compound of Formula **I**,



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3. The process according to Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein the protecting group is benzyl, 4-methoxybenzyl, 2,4-dimethoxybenzyl, or triphenylmethyl.

4. The process according to Claim 3, wherein the deprotection is performed by catalytic hydrogenolysis with hydrogen.

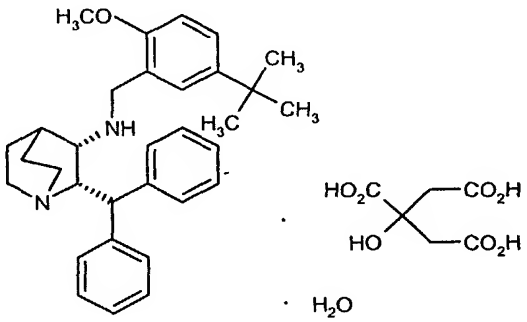
5. The process according to Claim 4, wherein the catalyst is palladium on carbon, platinum on carbon, palladium on calcium carbonate, or palladium on alumina (Al_2O_3).

6. The process according to any preceding Claim wherein the reductive animation is performed by formation of an imine followed by catalytic hydrogenation.

7. The process according to Claim 6, wherein the hydrogenation catalyst is palladium on carbon, platinum on carbon, palladium on calcium carbonate, or palladium on alumina (Al_2O_3).

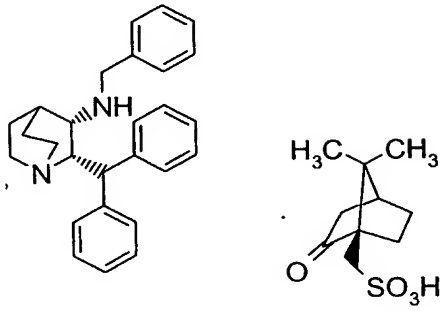
8. The process according to any of Claims 2 to 7 further comprising isolating the compound of Formula **I**.

9. The process according to any of Claims 2 to 8 further comprising treating the compound of Formula I with citric acid, forming the compound of Formula **Ia**



Ia -- citrate monohydrate

10. A compound of the Formula VIa,



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